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SUBJECT: EXHIBITS: PROGRESS AND ENVIRONMENT EXHIBIT - BRATISLAVA

1. SINCE EXHIBIT DIRECTOR WILL BE SUBMITTING DETAILED REPORT COVERING ENTIRE EXHIBIT, EMBASSY WISHES TO OFFER ONLY A FEW GENERAL COMMENTS.

2. DESPITE PROBLEMS WITH CONSTRUCTION, WEATHER AND LESS THAN COOPERATIVE HOST COUNTRY BEAUREAUCRACY, EMBASSY CONSIDERS EXHIBIT DEFINITE OVERALL SUCCESS AND WORTH THE EFFORT INVOLVED. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS PROVIDE COMMON GROUND FOR CONTINUING DIALOGUE IN A BROAD FIELD REACHING FROM THE SOCIAL TO THE HARD SCIENCES, AND HAVE COMMERCIAL IMPLICATIONS AS WELL. CZECH AND SLOVAK OFFICIALS WITH ENVIRONMENTALLY RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES WHO VISITED EXHIBIT UNIFORMLY EXPRESSED KEEN AND APPARENTLY SINCERE INTEREST IN STAYING IN TOUCH WITH AMERICAN DEVELOPMENTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. THEY HAVE CONFIRMED THIS INTEREST WITH NUMBER OF FOLLOW-UP REQUESTS TO EMBASSY FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT, GIVEN FAVORABLE CLIMATE OF US/CZECHOSLOVAK RELATIONS, MUTUAL CONCERN FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANDING EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND IDEAS NOT LIMITED TO MERELY PURE TECHNOLOGY. EMBASSY IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN BEING ABLE TO GENERATE NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL VISIT TO US FOR CZECHOSLOVAK ENVIRONMENTAL

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SPECIALISTS, AND TO SUPPORT LOCAL SEMINARS OR CONFERENCES

WITH BEST AVAILABLE AMERICAN PARTICIPATION.

4. IN ADDITION TO SUPPORT FROM AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY APPRECIATES HIGHLY THE INTEREST FORTHCOMING IN THE PAST FROM EPA, CEQ, INTERIOR, AND OTHER AGENCIES WITH ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES. GIVEN RECEPTIVENESS OF CZECHOSLOVAK ENVIRONMENTALISTS, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ACTIVITIES IN THIS COUNTRY CONNECTED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ARE OF ESPECIAL VALUE, AND WELCOME ANY PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER US/CZECHOSLOVAK ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION. FOR ITS PART, EMBASSY WILL HOPE TO BE COMING FORWARD WITH OWN PROPOSALS, AND WILL BE RECEPTIVE TO IDEAS FROM CZECH AND SLOVAK ENVIRONMENTALISTS.

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